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L O N D O N, March 25.

GOVERNMENT have had information given them, that Holland, in delaying the signature of the peace, has some covered designs in agitation; that she, in collusion with France, is sending out ships and forces to the East-Indies; where, probably, on one pretext or other, the war will be renewed, when they observe the proper time to attack our possessions in that part of the world. It is said, that our Ministry, on these hints, are about to dispatch six ships of the line, under a very experienced Admiral, for that quarter; and that Lord Cornwallis will be sent out immediately in the chief command of the land forces.

The Duke of Dorset has had a quarrel with Lord Coleraine at Paris, on account of some passionate expressions of the latter at the Duke's table in favour of Mr. Fox, and his party.

Admiral Campbell goes to Newfoundland with the squadron in May, and not to the East-Indies as reported.

The Thistle frigate of twenty-eight guns, Capt. Robertson, sitting at Deptford, is ordered for the Newfoundland station.

Early on Wednesday morning some thieves broke into the back part of the house, inhabited by the Lord Chancellor, in Great Ormond-street, having got over the wall from the fields into the garden, and from thence into the area, they forced two bars of the kitchen window, and entered the house; having thus gained an entrance, they went up stairs, into a room adjoining the study, broke open several drawers belonging to his Lordship's writing-table, and at last came to the drawer in which the Great Seal of England was deposited; this they took from out the two bags, in which it is always kept, carrying away with them the plain seal only, or rather the two parts, which constitute the whole; they also took a sum of money, not very considerable, and two silver hilted swords, having first drawn them and leaving the scabbards behind, not one of his Lordship's servants heard them during their stay, and of course got off with rather more ease than they got in. These midnight robbers, left behind them their implements of industry, a plain tool well-tempered, and calculated as well for a weapon of defence, if opposed, as an instrument for forcing of locks.

As soon as the Chancellor was apprised of the robbery, information was instantly sent to Bow-street, from whence, as well as from every Justice Office in other parts of the town, the runners were dispatched on all sides, but hitherto without effect. Two watchmen, however, who had stands near, were taken into custody.

No small confusion ensued on Wednesday in the Cabinet on the discovery of this very *mal-a-propos* robbery, which was the more unlucky, on account of the very pressing demand for new writs, consequent to the expected dissolution.

The Great Seal being really stolen, it is a doubt with many, whether there is not a virtual end, for a time, to the office of Chancellor.—The following passage from Blackstone will not be wholly inapplicable to the question.—“The office of Chancellor or Lord Keeper, is with us, at this day, created by the mere delivery of the King's Great Seal into his custody; whereby he becomes, without writ or patent, an officer of the greatest weight and power of any now subsisting in the kingdom; and superior in point of precedence, to every temporal Lord.”

The public remain full of expectation on the subject; and both Wednesday and yesterday the conversation of the town was more engrossed about the above robbery, than either about the prorogation or dissolution of Parliament.

Several curious questions arise on this extraordinary circumstance. Can a proclamation be issued

without the Great Seal? Certainly not; but cannot the King in his Council constitute any seal for the time being the Great Seal of England?—Several lawyers delivered it as their opinion that he could; while others said, that this could only be done by the power of an act of Parliament. When James II. threw the Great Seal into the Thames, expedition was used in having another made. Have we at this instant any Lord Chancellor at all? The act says, that “taking away the Seals, determines the office.”—Will the robbery be, in the legal construction, *taking away* the Seals? Must he not be again sworn into the office, and the ceremonies be repeated on delivering to him his new Seal? The ceremony that constitutes any Seal the Great Seal of England is, that the King delivers the Seal into his own hand before certain officers, and he is required to use it as the instrument of the King's pleasure.—The mere impression cannot make it so; for that is in any engraver's power. The ceremony originally used in making any other Seal the Great Seal, may now be used without requiring the particular figure of that which is lost; but perhaps the Chancellor must again be sworn.

One would imagine, from the robbing of the Chancellor's house being the sole topic of conversation amongst all ranks of people, that the Great Seal had never been lost before; but a correspondent informs, (and a very remarkable circumstance it is) that a similar accident happened in the unfortunate reigns of John, Charles the First, and James the Second.

Those wags who are no friends to the present Lord Chancellor, insist they were right in their conjecture, when they declared it was impossible for his Lordship to keep the Seals.

Two or three years ago a remarkable robbery was committed in the Council Chamber, when the minutes of an extraordinary Council on American affairs were taken away; the thief could never be found out; but a part of the deliberation of the Councils on that subject, was mentioned in Parliament, which gave room to suspect it to be a political theft.

A morning paper says, We are warranted to assert as a fact, upon the most indisputable authority, that the French have at this time a fleet consisting of *twelve ships of the line and four frigates of 36 guns*, equipped most completely in every respect, ready to sail for Trincomale. This intelligence is alarming indeed, and must impress every citizen of England with regret for the loss of the harbour and fortress above named, as the enemy is thereby furnished with the first anchorage in India.

March 27. In the Irish House of Commons Tuesday, March 9, Sir Edward Newenham gave notice that he would, before the session was over, move that a specific sum should be granted to his Majesty, to purchase a service of plate for the use of future Vice-roys; that such service should have the arms of Ireland upon it; this he meant as an unexceptionable piece of economy, for within these few years past, this country had paid the enormous sum of 21,000l. for those changes of Vice-roys, who were put in, and turned out by the prevailing faction of a British Cabinet; It was a most insulting prodigality of Irish treasure.—Every Vice-roy gets between three and four thousand pounds immediately on his being appointed Vice-roy, as a fund to purchase a service of plate.

The ship Marquis Le Fayette, from New-London for Belfast, with 650 hogheads of flaxseed, foundered at sea; the crew saved by a French Captain.

MARCH 29.

Extract of a letter from Naples, Feb. 19.

“His Majesty the King of Sweden having expressed a desire to see the experiment of the air-

balloon, there was yesterday a grand exhibition by order of the Court of Naples, and in the presence of their Majesties. Perhaps it was the noblest sight the human eye was ever yet regaled with. Imagine an immense globe of 150 feet diameter, and 200 in height, gilt, and bearing on the top an enormous crown, sparkling with well-imitated precious stones of various colours; imagine, that to this globe was annexed a building of the most beautiful architecture of the Doric order, formed of pumice-stone, and surrounded by a terrace or gallery, railed in, with orange trees and lemon. Imagine, I say, this wonderful machine, rising majestically to the heavens in a clear sky at noon, in sight of an applauding multitude, carrying with it an orchestre of eight capital performers, whose music, for the short time it could be heard, had a most sublime effect. In about twenty-seven minutes it had disappeared by a perpendicular ascent; nor could the people discover any appearance of it by the best telescopes. It was exactly twelve o'clock when the machine began to rise, and at two it had not been again visible. An anxiety seemed to prevail amongst all the spectators, some offering up prayers for the safety of the travellers, whilst others were of an opinion that God had taken them into heaven. But their acclamations were excessive, when at 13 minutes after three, they observed a small speck in the air at an immense distance, but which soon shewed itself to be the wished for machine, which gradually descended till it reached the earth, at about a mile distance from the place of its ascent; which was from a plain eastward of the town. Every thing succeeded well, and the aerial navigators trod the earth in safety again after their surprising flight! Besides the above mentioned orchestre, and two persons (who had contrived the machine) who were there to regulate it; there went up seven persons of rank, consisting of three Neapolitan noblemen; a French, three Spanish, and an English gentleman. On their return they were taken to Court in the royal carriages, amidst the inconceivable acclamations of a delighted people. Their account of what they experienced and observed in their flight will be speedily published; at present they affirm that they mounted to the height of twelve Italian miles. It is reported now that each adventurer will receive some distinguished honor or reward from the two Sovereigns, who were witnesses to the whole; and Signor Antonio Lipetti, the person who had the conduct of the affair, has been rewarded with 2000l. sterling, and a patent of nobility.

P. S. The globe was formed of the skins of kids, and covered with silk inside and out; with an elastic gum over it, which took the gilding extremely well: it required several hours filling with inflammable air, but when full it was so closely stopped that nothing could evaporate.”

APRIL 1.

Extract of a letter from Bologna, March 2.

“In the beginning of this year a report was spread that the Pope designed to make a journey to Paris. This news appears to be confirmed, at least with regard to the desire of the Holy Father to visit France, as our Senate hath received a letter from M. Gozzadini, their Ambassador at the Holy See, advising that his Holiness will set out for Avignon immediately after Easter.”

Extract of a letter from Amsterdam, March 23.

“The Emperor hath lately applied to the Court of France, requiring to know whether they should at all interpose in the business which he hath to settle with the Dutch, respecting the opening of the Schelde for a free navigation and trade to his dominions in the Netherlands. The French have given for answer, “That they have no concern in this affair; and do not interfere in the particular rights of nations.”

Extract of a letter from Edinburgh, March 27.

Thursday the General Convention of Delegates from the Royal Burghs of Scotland, appointed to consider the imperfect and inadequate Representation of the people in the House of Commons and the Town Councils of Scotland, met at Edinburgh. The meeting was numerous and respectable. A draft of a bill to Parliament to remedy the grievances complained of was laid before the meeting. Several Committees were appointed to take into consideration the proposed plans of reform, and the Delegates met again yesterday, and adopted several resolutions for persevering in employing every legal and constitutional effort in their power to establish the elections of Magistrates, Town Councils, and Representatives in Parliament for the Royal Burghs in Scotland, upon a proper, liberal, and constitutional footing, equally favourable to the rights and liberties of the people, and the industry, tranquility, and prosperity of the nation."

April 5. The Right Hon. William Pitt, Esq; is elected to represent the University of Cambridge, in Parliament.

Yesterday died Mrs. Wilkes, the Lady of John Wilkes, Esq;

WHITEHALL, March 29.
The FUNERAL PROCESSION of the HOUSE of COMMONS.

"A short pause! A single day! Twenty four hours to mourn over the funeral of the House of Commons." Mr. Powey's Speech.

Twenty four Irish chairmen, with bludgeons, to keep peace and clear the way.

Twelve butchers in crape shirts, with marrow bones and cleavers muffled.

Sam. House, in his night-cap and slippers, beating the "dead march in Saul," on a kettle drum.

A jack-ass in body clothes of fable, carrying the resolutions of the majority.

A news hawk, with Mr. Fox's speeches in black letter.

The two addresses lately presented to his Majesty, in a wheelbarrow hung with black.

The door keeper of the House of Commons, with a key pendant on his button-hole.

The Mace in a Mourning Coach.

The Speaker in character of a Mute.

The CHAPLAIN, with a small volume of occasional sermons in his hand.

The COFFIN, with the following inscription on the plate:

"I have said to Corruption, Thou art my Father." Job, chap. xvii. verse 14.

The Pall supported by twelve gentlemen of the St. Alban's.

Mr. Powey's chief mourner, in weepers.

Mr. Fox in Brazen Armour, with this motto on his Helmet: "Aut Cæsar aut Nullus."

Lord North, in a Sackcloth Surtout.

A Chimney Sweeper carrying a CRUCIFIX.

Mr. Burke reading the office of Vespers.

Mr. Rigby, Solus.

The Commissioners of Accounts, two and two.

Armstrong, the Sheriff's officer, with several Writs of extent in his hand.

Mr. Brinsley Sheridan,

The Treasurer of the Opera House, with an empty box.

Italian performers, in deep mourning.

Thomas Levi Simon, and Nadab William Ishmael; two responsible Christian Bail.

A licenser of the press, carrying an empty purse.

The Opposition Writers, two and two.

An ANTHEM, the words,

"And now Lord what is our hope! Truly our hope is not in Thee."

General Conway.

His serjeant with a rusty firelock.

General Burgoyne.

A trumpet sounding a Retreat.

Mr. Sawbridge in jack boots, and an Alderman's Gown.

George Byng, dressed like a jockey.

Lord John Cavendish,

with the amendment Receipt-Tax, bound in calf.

Opposition Ballad Singers, two and two.

The waiters at Brook's, carrying a Faro Table on a new construction.

The Procession closed by

Mr. Keys the Messenger of the People, in Character of MERCURY.

PHILADELPHIA, May 19.

A correspondent says, that in his opinion the most prudent method to make the government of the United States perpetual, happy and independent of every power but heaven, is that they should act with justice and with mercy;—that they should support the national honor, by giving satisfaction to the public creditors;—that they should not violate public treaties;—that with a glorious magnanimity they should disdain to triumph over the vanquished, and admit upon reasonable stipula-

tions the expelled loyalists;—that they should repeal all persecuting and impolitic test acts;—that they should give a free and uncircumscribed toleration to the Jews, and manifest themselves to be in some degree real Christians (as our Saviour said his kingdom was not of this world) by allowing the Jews the same temporal advantages with themselves;—that they should promote a gradual abolition of slavery;—and that they should not deprive the Indians, who are the original proprietors of the country, of their possessions, without giving them a proper compensation. He says, that with a singular and auspicious boldness we should dare to be honest, in which situation we should make our cause the cause of God, from whence we might laugh at all that the malice of Britain or of hell could do against us. This is a plan that is worth more than all the secrets of intriguing politicians. This is the way to make the government of the United States as fixed as the Apalachian mountains. In such a case the Almighty himself would be our champion and our bulwark, for we are nobly and beautifully told, by those who do not lie, that "the eyes of God run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect towards him."

ANNAPOLIS, May 13.
On Saturday night last the Treasury Office was robbed of a sum of money, by some person or persons, who got down the chimney; one of the men suspected is apprehended and confined in gaol.

BALTIMORE, May 21.
A late London paper, brought by Capt. Maynard mentions, that in the House of Commons in Ireland, the Bill to amend Defects in the Representation being read a second time, General Flood moved for it to be committed, when, after much debate, the Bill was thrown out by a majority of 74, there being for it 85, and 159 Members against it.

The United States in Congress assembled, have lately resolved, that it is inconsistent with the interest of the United States to appoint any person not a citizen thereof, to the office of the Minister Charge des Affaires, Consul, Vice-Consul, or to any other civil department in a foreign country.

The United States have instructed their Ministers in Europe to take the necessary measures for obtaining free ports in France, one or more on the Atlantic, and one on the Mediterranean.

The United States have authorized and directed the Comptroller of accounts to cause a settlement to be made of the accounts between the said States and the Secret Commercial Committees of Congress, and all others existing under contracts made with the said Committees, according to the usual mode of settling accounts at the Treasury, and to report such settlement to Congress.

The Legislature of South-Carolina, at their last Session passed the following laws:

An act for investing the United States in Congress assembled, with a power to levy for the United States, certain duties for goods imported into this State, from any foreign port, island or plantation.

An act to authorize the United States in Congress assembled to regulate trade from the British West-Indies.

On the 24th day of last month, the Honorable HUGH WILLIAMSON, and RICHARD DOBBS SPAIGHT, Esquires, were chosen to represent the State of North-Carolina, in the Congress of the United States, for one year, from the 13th of this month.

ALEXANDRIA, May 27.
The Honorable William Ellery, David Howell, Henry Marchant, and John Brown, Esquires, are chosen to represent the State of Rhode Island and Providence-Plantations in the Congress of the United States.

"On Saturday, the 15th Instant, departed this Life in the Neighbourhood of Richmond, Peyton Randolph, Esq; whose early Separation from his numerous Friends, and the Experience of whose Hospitality and Charity, have rendered him very generally regretted. Amidst the severe Pangs of a tedious Illness, he discovered a perfect Resignation. His Character was stained by no Vice, nor did his Frailties exceed the usual Lot of Mankind, while he was eminently distinguished by the Virtues of Candour, Integrity and Benevolence."

NAVAL-OFFICE. ALEXANDRIA.
Inward Entries. Ship Tyger, G. Harrison, from London; Ship Fortune, W. Hayden, and Sloop Alexander, J. Vail, Boston; Schooner Lark, H. Hopkins, Oxford; Sloop Nancy, J. Vennemom, Back Creek; Sloop Fanny, H. Brown, George-Town.

Cleared Outwards. Sloop Alexander, J. Vail, for Newbury; Brig Fortitude, N. E. Gardiner, Barbadoes.

JAMES HENDRICKS, AND COMPANY,

HAVE just received by the Ship Tyger, Capt. Harrison, from London, a large and general Assortment of Merchandise, suitable for the Season, which they are opening for Sale at their Wholesale Store, on the most reasonable Terms for Cash, Tobacco, Wheat, Flour, or good Bills of Exchange on Europe.

Alexandria, May 25, 1784.

A CHARTER WANTED
FOR the Ship ANN, of about 360 Hogheads burthen, to any Port in Europe or the West-Indies: She is now at Quantico.—Apply to HUIE, REID, and CO.

Dumfries, May 24, 1784.

JOHN FITZGERALD,
Hath just imported in the Ship Potomack, Capt. Bradstreet, from London, and to be Sold by Wholesale only,

A General Assortment of EUROPEAN GOODS, suitable to the Season.

He has also for Sale, Malaga and Catalonia Wines by the Quarter Cask, Pepper by the Bag, Olives by the Jar, Sweet Oil in Hampers of one Dozen each, White Wine Vinegar by the Hoghead, red and yellow Ochre, and a few Pieces of brown Irish Linens.

Alexandria, May 17, 1784.

FENCING-SCHOOL.
Monsieur CLAUDIUS CHARVIN, OFFERS his services to the gentlemen of this town and vicinity, as a teacher of the art of fencing, and intends opening a school immediately.—His terms may be seen at the Printing-Office.

Alexandria, May 25, 1784.

DAVEY AND LEAKIN,
At their COMMISSION-STORE, in Water-Street, between Mr. John Ellicott's and the County Wharf, Baltimore-Town, have just received,

A Neat and very general assortment of European and West-India GOODS, by the last vessels arrived here, which they will sell on the most reasonable terms, for Cash, good Bills of Exchange, or will barter for any kind of Country Produce, delivered at their warehouse, near the County Wharf.

Said DAVEY and LEAKIN thankfully receive all kinds of goods, wares and merchandize, also every kind of country produce to sell for others, on commission.—They have provided themselves with good warehouses near the water, so that the expence of drayage will be saved to those who please to give them their business.—They flatter themselves that the attention they will pay to their employers interest will induce them to continue their orders.—They negotiate all manner of mercantile business with care and dispatch, on the lowest terms.

Baltimore, May 1, 1784.

RAN away from the Subscriber last Easter Sunday, a Mulatto Man, named ADAM, but sometimes calls himself RICH, about 21 years of age, 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high, a cunning artful fellow, and may probably pass for a freeman: Had on and took away with him a green coat and waistcoat, with yellow metal buttons, likewise a blue coat, a negro cotton ditto, and sundry other clothes: He is a good house servant, hostler and flatman.—Any person who will secure him in any gaol, or bring him home to the Subscriber in Dumfries, shall receive a Reward of Ten Dollars, if within thirty miles, if further Ten Pounds, and reasonable charges, paid by MARY GRAHAM.

Dumfries, May 10, 1784.

JOHN HUFF,
Post-Rider from Winchester to Alexandria, WILL leave Winchester on Tuesday Morning, every Week, and arrive at the Printing-Office, Alexandria, on Wednesday Evening, from which Place he will set off on his Return to Winchester through Leesburg, the next Day at Noon. If any Gentlemen should have Occasion for Business to be done by him they may depend on having it executed with Dispatch Punctuality and Care, as he has given Bond for his faithful Performance.

JAMES O'NEIL,
Post-Rider,

WILL leave the Printing-Office, in Alexandria, every Friday, about 12 o'clock, for the following places, viz. Piscataway, Port-Tobacco, Allen's-Fresh, Newport, Chaptico, Head of Clement's Bay and Leonard-Town.—Letters, &c. for any of the above-mentioned places must be left at the Printing-Office.

Just imported from London, in the Ship Tyger, Capt. Harrison, a large and general Assortment of GOODS, suitable for the season, and to be Sold at Wholesale only, for Cash, Bills of Exchange, or Country Produce, by
HERBERT and POTTS,
At their Store on the Corner of Fairfax and Queen's Streets, among which are

Superfine and second broadcloths of various colours, scarlet, cinnamon, sky blue, buff, green, and white cassimers; rattinets, shalloons, calamancoes, durants, tammies, yard wide and 7-8 Irish linens, white and brown Russia and Irish sheeting, Russia drabs, mens' brown and white thread hole, womens' white thread ditto, mens' and womens' fine cotton ditto, mens' best white silk ditto, ditto patent silk and patent ribbed ditto, diaper, huckabucks, Ravens duck, ofnaburgs, rolls, plain, spotted and died jeans and jeanets, died pillows, fustians, thicksets, round top cords, corded and India dimities, German cords, Marseilles quilting of various prices, superfine India jean jacket patterns, silk and check handkerchiefs, striped Hollands, cotton stripes, blue, green, scarlet, crimson and yellow cotton furniture checks; black and white fine satins and pelongs, black, pink, blue, green and white Persians; a large assortment of the most fashionable and changeable Mantuas and lutestrings, bed bunts and tickens, an elegant assortment of ribbons, sewing silks and threads, silk, hair and scarf twist; black and white French net, black and white Cyprus gauze, white striped and Turkey ditto, silk striped, figured, brocade, allover, and fouslee ditto; patent nets, diaper and plain Holland tapes and bobbins, fine thread and blond laces and edgings, cap and skeleton wire, womens' fine silk quilted petticoats, ladies' full trimmed fashionable hats and cloaks, chip hats, silk laces, black and white catgut, womens' calamanco, lasting and fatinet shoes; a large assortment of womens' gloves and mits, men's beaver and white grained gloves, gilt trunks in nests, pasteboards, wafers, inkpowder, writing-paper of all kinds, ivory and horn combs, painted hearth and sweeping brooms, pepper, nutmegs, mace, cinnamon, cloves, buckram, mens' and boys' hats, marline, whip and sewing twine, single and double refined sugar, grafs and cradling icythes, sickles, a large assortment of nails, shot of various sizes, brimstone, allum, copperas, white lead in small kegs, bar-lead copper tea-kettles, White-Chapel and common needles, pocket looking-glasses, large elegant ditto, a large assortment of snuff and tobacco boxes, glass and queen's ware assorted in crates, brags, japanned and iron candlesticks; slates and pencils, whip, cross-cut and hand saws; H, HL, T, butt, strap, and dovetail hinges; carpenters' hammers, chisels, gouges, plain-irons, augers, compasses, rules, and squares; malons' and plasterers' hammers, broad and narrow hoes, stock, plated and pad locks; brags and iron rimmed door ditto, spike and common gimlets, an assortment of faddlery, coffee-mills, shoemakers' hammers and rasps, carpenters' adzes, a variety of law files, smiths' half round and flat ditto, crossward, chest and cupboard locks; womens' and taylors' thimbles, gilt and plated buttons, fancy and death-head ditto, temple spectacles, &c.
Alexandria, May 25, 1784.

On Saturday next, the 29th Instant, will be sold at Public Vendue, for Ready Money, before the Subscriber's door on Cameron-Street, opposite the Market, a variety of Merchandize, viz.

SILK, thread and cotton stockings; satins of different colours, Barcelona handkerchiefs, mens' shoes, writing-paper, white lead, iron pots and skillets, tin ware, a general assortment of crockery ditto, a number of crates of brown earthen ditto, brown sugar in barrels, wine in casks, sweetmeats in jars, two chests of excellent bohea tea, a schooner's old mainsail, and a sloop's foresail and bonnet almost new, with a variety of other articles.
CYRUS COPPER, Vendue-Master.
Alexandria, May 24, 1784.

THE Subscriber has for Sale in the Town of Leesburg, Nine Quarter Acre Lots, on which are several Houses.—Also, a small Lot, 40 Feet front by 81 Feet deep, Part of No. 1.—Likewise, a young Negro Woman with a young Child, a very fine Waggon and Team, and an elegant young Horse, about 16 Hands high, suitable for either Saddle or Carriage.—Apply to
PATRICK CAVAN.
Leesburg, May 20, 1784.

RAN away from his Master on the 24th instant, **JAMES MELVIN**, an indentured servant to John Easton, by trade a taylor, of a pale complexion, 5 feet 7 inches high, about 22 years of age, and dressed in sailor's clothes. Any person who will take up and secure the above described Lad, and give information thereof to the abovesaid **JOHN EASTON**, Ship Master in Alexandria, shall receive a Reward of **TEN DOLLARS**, and all necessary charges paid.
May 27, 1784.

FOR SALE,
VIRGINIA LAND WARRANTS, for Fifty Thousand Acres, on the most reasonable Terms.—Inquire at the Printing-Office.
Alexandria, April 22, 1784.

WANTED,

A Quantity of good merchantable **WHEAT**.—Apply to **JOHN RUMNEY**, who has for sale, by Wholesale only, a general assortment of European GOODS, just arrived from Whitehaven, in the brig Prosperity.

LEERTOUWER, HUYMAN, AND HUIBERTS,

At their Store adjoining Messieurs Hooe and Harrison's House, in Water-Street, No. 6, have just imported from Holland an Assortment of GOODS and MERCHANDIZES, which they will sell by Wholesale only, viz.

LINENS, ticklenburgs, ofnaburgs, Russia drillings, sheetings, Flemish linens, fine checks, broadcloths of various colours, velvets, corduroys, French rashes, damask, gauzes, Italian flowers, ribbons, spotted chamose, calicoes, shalloons, chintzes, glass and queen's ware, 8 by 10 window glass, hatchets, carpenters' tools, bandsaws, hammers with handles, flat and half round files, with a variety of other articles.

They have also for sale New-England Rum in hogheads and barrels.

Cash and Crop Tobacco only will be taken in payment.

Alexandria, May 26, 1784.

STRAYED or stolen from the Subscriber, living in Caroline County, near Port-Royal, on the 12th of April last, a large sorrel MARE, about five feet high, neither docked nor branded, her tail not very long, five years old this spring, has a small blaze in her face, but it does not reach to her nose, has two white spots in one of her hips, trots and gallops well, is of the English blood, and shod before.—Whoever will bring the said Mare to me, or give me information where she is, so that I get her again, shall receive **FORTY SHILLINGS** Reward, and if out of this State **FIVE POUNDS**, paid by

JOHN CATLET.

May 24, 1784.

WANTED TO HIRE,

FOUR or Five Hundred Pounds, on the best Security in the Town of Alexandria. Inquire at the Printing-Office.

May 27, 1784.

STRAYED from the Commons, on the night of the 20th instant, Two bay MARES, one a bright bay, about 14 hands and one inch high, branded C M T, without speer, and had a fore upon her back; the other a dark bay, about 14 hands high, and a small streak of white in her forehead.—Whoever will deliver said Mares, or either of them, to **CHARLES THURSTON**, or the Printers, shall receive for each **Two Dollars** and an Half Reward.

Alexandria, May 26, 1784.

TO BE SOLD,

A CORNER LOT of GROUND, in the Town of Alexandria, fronting King-Street 32 feet 10 inches, and running deep on Pitt-Street 176 feet, on which are a commodious store-house, compting and lodging rooms, a room above for opening goods, and a good cellar; also a convenient dwelling-house, fit for the reception of a large family, with a good cellar underneath, and a place in it which answers well for a kitchen.—The premises are rented to the first of May, 1785, and the purchaser may receive the rent.—For Terms apply to the Subscriber at Mr. Wise's Tavern, or in his absence to Mr. Andrew Wales.
H. McCABE.

Alexandria, May 27, 1784.

FOR SALE, for Cash, Tobacco, Indian Corn, Wheat, or Flour,

ABOUT Eight Hundred Acres of Land, 200 of which lies on the Sugar Lands, Maryland, about three or four miles from Leesburg, and is exceeding good; well watered and timbered; the remainder lies in Fairfax County, not more than 15 miles from Alexandria; well watered and timbered.—Also, a HOUSE and LOT in Alexandria.—For Terms apply to the Subscriber.

GERRARD T. CONN.

N. B. Certificates will be taken in part pay for any of the above property.

Alexandria, May 25, 1784.

FOR GLASGOW.

THE Ship **ROBINA**, Neil McNeil, Master, will sail in ten days.—Also, the Brig **MINERVA**, John Boyd, Master, will sail by the first of July, at farthest.—Both vessels are loading in Rappahannock River.—For freight or passage apply to Messieurs **HUNTER, ALLISON, and COMPANY**, Merchants in Alexandria; Messieurs **M'WILLIAMS and WEIR**, Fredericksburg, the Captains on Board, or the Subscribers.

JOHN PENMAN, and CO.

Both vessels sail remarkably fast, and have good accommodations for passengers.

Fredericksburg, May 22, 1784.

I WILL sell low for cash, a LOT in the Town of Alexandria, situate on St. Asaph and Wilkes streets, containing about one third of an acre, subject to a ground-rent of three pounds fifteen shillings, specie, and an improvement not to contain less than four hundred square feet, within two years from the restoration of peace.—Also will rent for a term of years, a HOUSE and LOT on Fairfax-street.

One or two elegant GELDINGS for sale.

SAMUEL ARELL.

Alexandria, May 24, 1784.

Just arrived in the Ship Tyger, Capt. Harrison, from London, and to be Sold on the most moderate Terms, by Wholesale, at the Store of
WILLIAMS, CARY, and WILLIAMS,
On Capt. Harper's Wharf,

A large and elegant Assortment of European and East-India GOODS, suitable for the Season, viz.

English superfine broadcloths of various colours, second and coarse ditto of all colours, cassimers, coatings, tammies, durants, shalloons, rattinets, camlets, moreens, calamancoes, black and white Italian trapes, florentine silks for breeches and waistcoats, corduroy, royal ribs, velvets, Dutch cords, plain and spotted jeans, fustians; plain and flowered dimities, corded and muslin ditto, plain and flowered Marseilles quilting, bordered ditto, linen and cotton checks of all widths and qualities, bed bunts, Flanders ticks, elegant patterns of calicoes and chintzes, low priced printed linens and cottons, 4-4 and 7-8 of yard wide Irish linens of all prices, Russia sheeting, German and British ofnaburgs, mens' and womens' cotton and thread stockings, silk ditto, boys' and girls' cotton and thread ditto, mens' and womens' gloves, plain, figured and striped ribbons of all colours; satin ditto, lutestrings of all sorts, Persians, sarsenets, modes of all kinds, silk handkerchiefs of all kinds and colours, muslins of all sorts, cambricks, lawns, gauzes of all kinds, sewing silk, buckrams of all sorts, crewels assorted, worsted bindings, tapes and threads of all sorts, pins, needles, all kinds of haberdashery, all sorts of mens' and womens' hats, ditto boys' ditto, stationary, Mens' boots and shoes, womens' and boys' shoes of all sorts, all articles in the ironmongery branch, earthen and glass ware of all kinds, bohea and other teas, spices, faddlery, drugs of all sorts, Port wine and porter in bottles, shot, all kinds of sail cloth, &c. &c. &c.
Alexandria, May 25, 1784.

CONCORD ACADEMY.

BY Direction of the Trustees this public Notice is given, that the Masters from the University at Aberdeen, particularly recommended, being arrived, this Academy will be opened the 8th of June next, in which the Latin, Greek and French Languages, the English Grammar, Book-Keeping, and every Branch of the Mathematics, natural Philosophy, Geography and Astronomy, will be taught.

The Price of Tuition Five Guineas, and of Board in the Academy, including every necessary except Bedding (which the Students must provide) Fifteen Guineas per annum, one Half to be paid at Entrance and the other Half at the Expiration of Six Months.
JESSE EWELL.

Prince William County, May 14, 1784.

THE Ship **Paragon HENRY HUGHES**, Master, a new strong Vessel, well found, and in complete Order, will take in Tobacco on Freight, and carry Passengers to Amsterdum, and will soon sail, having the greatest Part of her Cargo ready to put on Board.—For Terms apply to
HOOE and HARRISON.

Storage for all Kinds of Goods may be had at our Warehouse on easy Terms.

Alexandria May 25, 1784.

Just imported from London, in the Ship Tyger, Capt. Harrison, and to be Sold at Wholesale and Retail, by

ROBERT LYLE.

Broadcloths, jeans, fustians, nankeens, Dutch cords, inferials, stuffs, muslins, cambricks, plain and spotted lawn handkerchiefs and aprons, flowered and striped Barcelona handkerchiefs, French and German linens, Irish ditto of all kinds, Russia and brown sheeting, Russia drabs and bed-ticks, black gauze and mode for bonnets, chintzes, calicoes, ofnaburgs, playing cards, writing-paper, pins and needles, china cups and saucers, queen's ware of all kinds, glass ditto, tea-kettles and coffee-pots, pestles and mortars, mens' boys' and womens' leather shoes; womens' and girls' calamanco ditto, bar-iron, steel, nails, hyson, southong, green, congo and bohea teas; powder and shot, mens' and womens' silk and thread stockings, balloon hats, chip ditto, full trimmed bonnets, fashionable stays, fans, black and white satin cloaks, saddles and faddlery, Jamaica and French sugars, Jamaica spirits, French brandy, loaf sugar, Madeira, Malaga and Catalonia wines, and a variety of other articles.
Alexandria, May 26, 1784.

At the Theatre in Alexandria, this Evening, the 27th Instant, will be presented the Tragedy of JANE SHORE: To which will be added, the Musical Entertainment of the PADLOCK.

POETRY.

THE COQUETTE. By a Lady of Distinction.

"WHEN a Nymph at her toilet has spent the whole day,
Array'd in her lutestring and feathers so gay.
Her rival, the Butterfly, vain to excess,
May be justly more proud, if there's merit in dress.
The purple and gold in his plumage display'd,
Than velvet more soft, and more gay than brocade.
But of all this advantage of dress you may see,
That the Butterfly still is less lov'd than the Bee.
For the Bee, tho' he shines with no purple and gold,
We provide a good lodging to fence from the cold.
For his honey we love him, although he will sting,
And dispise the gay insects that flutter and sing.
From hence the Coquettes this plain lesson may find,
"that the useful alone are the lov'd of mankind!"
Let the foolish and vain, at the toilet still vie,
In the fruitless endeavour to rival a Fly;
When, if they succeed, like a fly for a day,
By fools they are play'd with and then thrown away;
But let me, like the Bee, ev'ry moment improve,
And merit affection no time can remove."

Just arrived from Lisbon, and to be Sold by
WILLIAM WILSON,

A neat assortment of mullins, cambricks, dimities, black china, satins, mullin and silk handkerchiefs, chintzes, Brazil sugars, pepper, &c.—And from Glasgow, a parcel of low priced Scotch and Irish linens, sheetings, shirts, shoes, threads, &c. all of which will be disposed of by the package or piece, on the most reasonable terms, for CASH or TOBACCO.

Alexandria, May 18, 1784.

TO BE SOLD,
A few Hogheads of excellent
JAMAICA SPIRITS.
Inquire of M. MADDEN.

Alexandria, May 15, 1784.

Just imported in the Brigantine Eagle, Capt. William Jones, from Lisbon, and to be Sold for Cash, Tobacco or Flour, by

JESSE TAYLOR,

A quantity of salt, Lisbon wine in quarter casks, lemons by the box, bohea, green and and hyson teas by the chest, pepper, India nankeens, rum, loaf and brown sugars, &c.—He has also for sale a quantity of DRY GOODS, suitable for the season, on very reasonable terms.

Alexandria, May 17, 1784.

TO BE SOLD,
At Public Sale, at the House of Mr. James Moore, living within Two Miles of the Premises, on Thursday the 10th of June next,

Four Hundred and Seventeen Acres of Land, lying on Hanson-Branch, in Prince George's county.—On the premises are three settlements, on the first of which is a convenient dwelling-house, a garden well paled in, and laid out in taste, a good kitchen, stable, barn, and out-houses for servants, a good apple orchard, and a well of excellent water close to the door;—on the second is a log dwelling-house and kitchen;—and on the third is a dwelling-house and kitchen, a garden newly and neatly paled in, and a house well calculated for a store, immediately on the road leading from Bladensburg to Piscataway;—there are also on the premises a grist and fulling mill, and as fine a seat for a saw-mill as any in the county;—the upland is well adapted for farming, and the lowland on the branch is chiefly cleared and sowed down in Timothy, two crops of which may be mowed annually, as the soil is equal to any and superior to most in the county.

THOMAS WILCOXON, jun.

May 18, 1784.

JAMES ADAM,

HAS for sale coarse and fine Ship Bread, of a good quality, and fine Bread in small cags, for the West-India market, with which he can supply any Masters of vessels and others with large or small quantities, on reasonable terms for ready Money.—He has also for sale, old Jamaica Spirits of the first quality, either by the gallon or quarter cask; imported Grindstones, fit for plantation use; Liverpool and Allum Salt.—He will allow a generous price to any Millers or others for good middling Flour.—He has three Rooms in the Public Warehouse, on the County Wharf, to let, either by the Month or Year.

Alexandria, March 3.

WASHER BLUNT,

Block-Maker in Alexandria,

WANTS Two LADS, about 14 Years of Age, as Apprentices.

May 19, 1784.

DENNIS RAMSAY,

HAS for sale, at his store, Jamaica Spirits and West-India Rum of the first quality by the hoghead, also Loaf Sugar by the hoghead.—Cash, Tobacco, Wheat, Flour, or Hemp will be received in payment.

He wants to purchase good merchantable Hemp, for which a generous price will be given.

Alexandria, May 13, 1784.



THE celebrated ARABIAN, now in high perfection, stands at my farm, within three miles of Alexandria, and will cover at FOUR GUINEAS the season, or Two the leap.

The early proofs given by the descendants from this noted horse, of their superiority on the turf, their great size and elegance of figure, added to the high prices they command, are sufficient motives to induce every man to increase his stock with the breed of so valuable an animal.

Wheat, delivered at my mill or at Alexandria, will be received in payment at the market price.—I have the best low ground pasturage for mares at 3s. per week, but will not be answerable for accidents or escapes.

GEORGE GILPIN.

April 10, 1784.

WANTS EMPLOY,

A PERSON who understands navigation, merchant's accounts, and trade in general, and who is capable of transacting any business, with the greatest accuracy and dispatch. Should occasion require he would have no objection to going supercargo to any part, or tutor to a travelling young gentleman, having been (while at school and abroad) well instructed in the French and other prevalent languages, and many useful branches of science, which he has taught in a northern university to general satisfaction. He can produce sufficient testimonials of ability, integrity and sobriety.

A line left at the Printing-Office, directed to A. B. will be duly attended to.

May 16, 1784.

A List of Letters remaining in the Post-Office, Alexandria, which, if not taken up before the Fifth Day of July next, will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead Letters.

L. ALDERSON, Alexandria. D. Byrnes, and J. Baxter, Alexandria. G. Comins [2] J. Cox [2] J. Chapman, and W. Carling, Alexandria; S. Cleland, Frederick County; H. Casson, Potomack; J. Clapham, near Hunting-Creek. T. Folger, Alexandria; C. Fortland, Virginia. W. P. Gardiner, A. McGallagher, and J. Goulding, Alexandria; J. Gardiner, Westmoreland County. C. C. Higgins, Capt. Hamilton, and T. Henly, Alexandria. J. Jenkins, Alexandria. Edward P. Kevan, Winchester. F. Lewis, Alexandria. R. H. Major, J. Minchin, and J. Moffatt, Alexandria. M. O'Neil, Loudon County, near the Great-Falls. E. Owens [2] Alexandria. B. H. Philips, Alexandria. R. Quirk, Alexandria. W. Roberts, Alexandria. J. Smith, Frederick County; J. L. Sweet, J. Strawbridge, W. Shepherd, J. Smith, and Leitch and Stewart, Alexandria. T. Thompson, Nomony. S. Tandy, Alexandria. W. Walker [2] Fairfax County. L. Wheeler, Alexandria. M. Wilson, near Wilkin's Ferry.

LEFT in the possession of the Subscriber in Maryland, opposite Alexandria, on the 26th of April last, a grey Horse, 14 hands and an half high, about 7 years old, paces, trots and gallops; with a new saddle and bridle. The person who left the Horse, &c. being unknown, is now requested to come, pay charges, and take them away.

ROBERT SIMMS.

Maryland, May 14, 1784.

THE UNITED STATES,

L AID down according to the definitive treaty of peace, is now engraving in Philadelphia, and will be published as soon as possible, by William M. Murray, late assistant geographer, who flatters himself from his good opportunities, his long, assiduous, and successful endeavours to collect materials for forming this Map, that it will give general satisfaction, as he conceives that every survey of note heretofore made in these limits, will be inserted in it.

He proposes publishing it by subscription, and hopes for that encouragement from every friend to science, which so useful a work merits, and so arduous an undertaking requires.

It has already met with the sanction of the Pennsylvania assembly's voting the author fifty pounds of a premium, and with that of a great number of the first characters in the States subscribing for it.

The Proposals are to be seen at the Printing-Office, where subscriptions are taken for these Maps, and where such Subscribers as live in or near to Alexandria are to receive them.

The Subscriptions will be opened till the first of June next and no longer.

HUNTER, ALLISON, AND COMPANY,

HAVE just imported from London, in the *William, Capt. Randall, and the Willing Tom, Capt. Stuart, a general assortment of DRY GOODS, which they will sell either at wholesale or retail, for CASH, TOBACCO, FLOUR, or WHEAT.*

They have also Madeira wine in pipes and quarter casks, Jamaica and Antigua rum by the hoghead, gin in cases, porter in hampers, Muscovado sugar by the hoghead, tierce or barrel; Brazil ditto by the chest, bohea, single and hyson teas by the chest, and a few bags of pepper.

Alexandria, May 12, 1784.

Just imported from London, in the Ship *Tyger*, Capt. George Harrison, and to be Sold Whole-sale and Retail, by

WILLIAM HARTSHORNE, AND COMPANY,

At their Store in King-Street, Alexandria,

Hogheads of queen's ware assorted, mahogany chairs, bar-lead, shot, copperas, shalloons, mourning crapes, bombazeens, silk camlets, hair bines, lastings, calamancoes, durants, tammies, check and printed linen handkerchiefs, apron checks, fustians, jeans, royal ribs, cotton denims, gilt and common pins, White-Chapel and common needles, copper tea-kettles and coffee-pots, spice mortars, bell-metal kettles, olnaburgs, writing-paper, wafers, inkpowder, pocket books, blank books of different kinds, Barcelona and other silk handkerchiefs, single and double refined loaf sugar, thread hofe, cotton ditto, silk ditto, mens' and womens' silk gloves and mits, Russia sheeting, nutmegs, cloves, cinnamon, Irish linens, castor hats, blacking ball and shoe-brushes, nests of gilt trunks, stone sleeve-buttons, silver thimbles, oil gun flints, horse-whips, bohea, single and hyson teas, calicoes, printed linens, India narkeens, mullins, hum-hums, Silesia linens, huckabuck lawn, clouting diaper, damask and diaper table cloths, cambric and bandano handkerchiefs, Persians, taffeties, glazed chintzes, patanas, best English steel, spelling-books, testaments, bibles, Robertson's history of England, Gay's and Pope's works, Spectator, Plutarch's lives, Latin school books, a variety of thread, tapes, shirt moulds and wires, waistcoat moulds, horn moulds, gartering, silk and cotton laces, ferrets, hat-band crape, chip hats, gauze and soufflee handkerchiefs, lawn ditto, soufflee aprons, thread and blond lace, ribbons, buckram, mohair and scarf twist, black net, cyprus striped crape and patent net, silk, thread and soufflee gauzes, Womens' lambkin gloves and mits, satins, lute-strings, &c.



THE Ship *TYGER* will shortly begin to take in her loading of TOBACCO for London.—Those gentlemen inclining to ship in her (consigned to OXLEY and HANCOCK) will please to send it up to the ship, at Alexandria, where she will lay to receive it, at the rate of £.7 sterling per ton, delivered alongside, clear of expence to the shipper.—One fourth part of the cargo being already engaged, it is expected she will sail in a month or six weeks at farthest.

Alexandria, May 18, 1784.

TO BE RENTED,

And immediate possession given,

A Convenient Dwelling-House in a pleasant part of this Town.—Inquire at the Printing-Office.

Alexandria, May 20, 1784.

ANY Person wanting a Seat in the Alexandria or Fredericksburg Stage, must apply to Mr. JOHN LOMAX, in Alexandria, and to Mr. DICKINSON, in Fredericksburg on the Evening previous to the Departure of the Stage, and have their Baggage weighed and in Readiness to go at the Hour appointed.

May 15.

Alexandria, March 4, 1784.

THE Subscriber has for Sale, in this Town sundry LOTS, or Parcels of GROUND on several Streets, and well situated.

WILLIAM RAMSAY.

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